(f) the income and expenditure of this school during each of the last three years; and

(g) the status of the staff in comparison with the Embassy Staff at Moscow in terms of salary fixation?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) has intimated that the present strength of staff and students in Kendriya Vidyalaya, Moscow is 31 and 213 respectively.

(b) The present country-wise break-up of stueents is as under :

1.	India	187
2.	Nigeria	9
3.	Bangladesh	2
4.	Pakistan	3
5.	Muzambique	4
6.	Phillipines	1
7.	Zambia	1
8.	Srilanka	4
9.	Namibia	2

(c) The Kendriya Vidyalaya, Moscow started functioning from 1st September 1987. The Kendriya Vidyalaya runs classes from 1st to XIIth with Science and Humanities stream at +2 stage. In addition, French and Russian are also taught.

(d) and (e) Except the initial grant of Rs. 25 lakhs and a grant of Rs. 500 lakhs for infrastructual facilities provided in 1997-98, no grant has been given in Kendriya Vidyalaya, Moscow as it generates its own resources through tuition fees and pupil's fund.

(f) Receipt and payment during the last three years i.e. 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 in respect of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Moscow is as under :

(Rupees in lakhs)

1994-95		1995-96		1996-97	
Receipt	Payment	Receipt	Payment	Receipt	Payment
145.22	131.99	219.81	180.51	242.08	191.00

(g) The staff of Kendriya Vidyalaya are in the regular pay scales as applicable to their counterparts in India. Foreign Allowances are paid in accordance with the norms prescribed by Ministry of External Affairs.

Constitution of Tribunals for Disposal of Cases

840. SHRI JAYSINHJI CHAUHAN : Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE & COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether tribunals have been constituted to dispose of the cases expeditiously;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of pending cases so far, tribunal-wise;

(d) the time by which the pending cases are likely to be disposed of; and

(e) the steps taken/are being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure effective functioning of these tribunals?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. M. THAMBI DURAI) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Shifting of Trunk Facility

841. DR. JAYANTA RONGPI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the trunk booking facility has been shifted from Diphu and Hoflong telephone exchanges to Nowgong and Silchar exchanges respectively;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to improve the poor telecommunication facility in the Karbi Anglong and North Cachar Hills districts of Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In pursuance to a policy decision taken due to sharp fall in trunk traffic consequent to introduction of ISD/NSD and Group dialling facilities and also due to provision of large scale STD/ISD/PCOs, the trunk services have become uneconomical, the Trunk Exchanges in such places are gradually being decommissioned. This is being done only after ensuring continued and efficient trunk call facilities for the users from these areas by connecting such places to the Trunk Centres at the SSA or Revenue Distt. Headquarters through reliable high grade media.

The average number of trunk calls from Haflong and Diphu being very low, it was not found economical to have separate Trunk Exchanges at these two stations. Before decommissioning of the Trunk Exchanges at these places, these stations were connected to Silchar and Nowgong respectively through reliable media to ensure continued and improved Trunk Services to the users from Diphu and Haflong.

(c) All the seven Telephone Exchanges in Karbi Anglong Distt. are electronic and STD facilities have also been provided. One 1000 lines C-DOT SBM has been commissioned at Diphu, the Distt. Headquarter in April, 1998 replacing 652 lines NEAX. This Exchange is further proposed to be expanded by another 400 lines shortly to meet the telephone demand upto March, 1999. Diphu is connected to Jorhat via Dimapur on 60

channel Analong UHF system for STD facilities. Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) link between Diphu and Nowgaon has been planned to be commissioned during the current financial year. With the commissioning of this OFC link, STD services are expected to improve further. Similarly, all the six telephone exchanges in North Cachar District are electronic and having STD facilities. A 1400 lines Electronic Exchanges of C-DOT SBM type has been commissioned at Haflong, the District Headquarter in March, 1998 replacing one 664 lines NEAX. This increased capacity is expected to meet the telephone demand upto March, 1999. Haflong is at present connected to Silchar on 120 Channel Digital UHF system for STD facilities.

The residual open wire carrier system in these two districts of Karbi Anglong and North Cachar Hills have been planned to be replaced by reliable high grade media progressively and the exchange capacity also would be suitably increased to clear the waiting list to ensure further improvements in the quality of service and augmentation of telecom facilities in due course.

Computerisation of Post Offices in A.P.

842. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to introduce the Computerisation of some major post offices in the Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the total post offices at present computerised;

(c) the extent to which these computerised post offices would help in reducing work load and also cut down delays; and

(d) the number of proposed post offices computerised in the State during 1989-99?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA) : (a) Yes, Sir. AP Postal Circle has introduced computerisation in major Post Offices in the State as a part of plan activity of the Department.

(b) 111 Post Offices.

(c) The computerisation of certain Post Office operations has resulted in speedy disposal of pubic transactions across the counter. It has also resulted in faster handling of ledger agreement work and generation of interest statements. All these have benefited in reduction of work load and delays.

(d) 15 Post Offices.

Sewage Treatment Plant at Visakhapatnam

843. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the construction of 25 million litres per day sewage treatment plant by the Municipal Corporation of Visakhapatnam is likely to be delayed by another ten months following objections by the Union Government;

(b) if so, the main objections raised by the Government and the extent to which these have been removed; and

(c) the time by which final clearance is likely to be provided by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI) : (a) to (c) A proposal of Municipal Corporation of Visakhapatnam for construction of a 25 MLD capacity sewage treatment plant in a Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) area was rejected in July, 1997 by the Ministry. As per the provisions of CRZ notification of February, 1991. construction of sewage treatment plant in CRZ area is a prohibited activity.

Films Manufactured by Foreigners

844. SHRI C.D. GAMIT : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether some foreigners are making feature films in India;

(b) if so, the names of foreigners and the details of procedure on which they were allowed to make feature films in India during the last three years; and

(c) the number of such films and the details of facilities extended to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Thirty Four foreign film companies were given permission to shoot their films in India during the period from 1.4.95 to 31.3.98.

2. The details of the procedure to be followed by the foreign film companies in order to shoot their films in India are as follows :

3. Proposals for shooting feature films party or wholly in India by foreigners can be received either directly or through Indian mission abroad. The proposal has to be accompanied by four copies of the detailed script alongwith synopsis, detailed passport particulars of the members of the filming team alongwith the itinerary exact locations where the shooting will take place and equipment to be imported into India on temporary basis.

4. The clearance of the cast and crew and locations is given by the Ministry of Home Affairs. If the shooting is to be done in sensitive areas, then the clearance from Ministry of Defence is also taken. This Ministry clears the scripts and gives the final permission to shoot the film after clearance by Ministry of Home Affairs, other Ministries and concerned State Governments, if necessary.